

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are essential to Idaho's healthcare system, providing high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia care; and

Whereas, CRNAs are anesthesia specialists who administer approximately 85% of the anesthetics given to patients each year in the State of Idaho; and

Whereas, CRNAs are the sole anesthesia providers in more than 90% of Idaho's rural hospitals, affording those medical facilities obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization capabilities; and

Whereas, Idaho CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered: traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, and plastic surgeons; ambulatory surgical centers; U.S. Military and Public Health Services, and are the sole providers of anesthesia at the Boise Veterans Affairs Medical Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim January 25 through 31, 2004, to be

NURSE ANESTHETISTS WEEK

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-second day of January in the year of our Lord two-thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

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